



Egremont News

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Selectmen:

Egremont was able to hold its Memorial Day parade because Governor Baker lifted the COVID-19 State of Emergency and its restrictions just days before. The turnout was impressive. Citizens of all ages, especially children, took part.



Memorial Day Parade, photo courtesy Mary Brazie

Since Egremont's vaccination rate is relatively high, the Town has cautiously re-opened all of its buildings to the public and all of the venues at French park. In Town buildings a face covering is still required. Meetings of Town Boards and Committees will continue via Zoom or in a hybrid format of Board members meeting in person with all others participating via Zoom.

Annual Town Meeting was a resounding success. The Board was able to get an indoor location, Catamount Ski Resort, when it became apparent it was going to storm just as town meeting was to get started. We look forward to having future town meetings in the lovely new lodge that Catamount has built.

We are happy to announce that Egremont was awarded a \$50,000 grant from Mass Historic

Commission from the Mass Preservation Program Fund to help with the costs of repairing the Library.

ECO-TIP

Sad fact: Light pollution contributes to the decline of fireflies.

Meet Egremont's Employee:

Melanie Torrico, Transportation Department Administrator

Melanie joined the Town of Egremont Transportation Department this past Spring to help facilitate the new transportation service set to launch in the Fall. This service will provide support while enhancing the safety and independence of the senior and disabled populations of Egremont, Alford, and Mount Washington. Rides will be offered for medical as well as non-medical trips, such as employment, shopping, meals, recreation, and social activities. This crucial resource will help to improve physical and mental health and foster a continued sense of community. Please stayed tuned as more details will be announced soon!

In her spare time, Melanie enjoys hiking, traveling, reading, and chasing after her two young children.



Melanie Torrico, photo courtesy of Melanie.

Transfer Station:

For at least the summer months, the hours at the Transfer Station and Recycling center are changing on Saturday and Sundays.

The Tuesday and Thursday hours will remain 8:00am to 1:00 pm.

The Saturday hours will shorten so that center will open at 8:00am and close at 1:00pm.

The Sunday hours will lengthen so that the center will open at 10am instead of 12noon and continue to close at 4:00pm.

Board of Health:

As we head into full summer, the Board of Health would like to take this opportunity to talk about mosquitoes.

Mosquitoes can be more than just a pesky nuisance. Certain infected mosquitoes carry diseases known as "arboviruses" and are the causes of West Nile Virus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), Zika and Dengue fever. The Mass. Dept. of Public Health monitors the prevalence of arboviruses in the Commonwealth through a surveillance program and has begun issuing weekly updates. The Egremont Board of Health monitors these weekly reports and will notify the community of regional occurrences of mosquito-borne diseases or any increase in risk.

Here are some things you can do around your home to reduce the amount of mosquitoes in our community:

- Eliminate standing water by turning over things that collect water like wheelbarrows, pots, planters and saucers.
- Remove blockages in your roof gutters to make sure water is flowing
- If you have a water garden feature without fish, consider applying a larvicide to kill unhatched mosquitoes.

Once the mosquitoes are hatched, here are things you can do to protect yourself from getting stung:

- Check the condition of your window and door screens and repair any holes
- When outdoors wear a long sleeve shirt and long pants.
- Apply bug spray to exposed skin
- Limit outdoor activity during prime mosquito feeding time of dusk 'til dawn

ECO-TIP

The carbon footprint of store-bought flowers is huge compared with that of flowers grown locally. Great local options here during the growing season are farmers' markets, a flower share from Indian Line Farm, and bouquets from Hilary in South Egremont (413-429-5911).

Council on Aging:

Happy Summer, everyone! And with the summer of 2021 we are able to return to a somewhat more "normal" life. Pats on the back and "Thank You" to Town Officials, the amazing people who worked tirelessly to get us all vaccinated, Health Care Workers and to all our seniors who exhibited their resiliency and resourcefulness in getting through such a difficult time. We are so lucky to live in the Berkshires!

Save the Date.....as we return to normal mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 7, for the next COA Lunch at French Park. Your choice for pick up or to stay and enjoy an outdoor picnic lunch. Egremont resident Pamela Knowles will be entertaining us with her repertoire of great jazz songs. More details in a week or so.

We also hope to return to our regular luncheon schedule in the fall. Again, watch newsletters and Egremont Posts for details. We always welcome your input and suggestions for speakers and programs.

Our Taxi Grant has been renewed until December 31, 2021. If you are a senior or disabled and need a ride for a nonemergency medical appointment, a treatment or therapy appointment, ride to the grocery store or to pick up prescription medication, ride to the senior center or adult day care, to work (if you are an essential worker) you can use the Taxi service for **free**. Give us a call Monday thru Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to arrange a ride. Leave a message if the phone isn't answered,... your call will be returned. 528-0182 x 16.

We always warn you about winter dangers for seniors but summer and hot weather also carries risks. Here are some things to be mindful of in the hot weather:

- *stay hydrated...keep those water bottles close at hand and drink plenty of water
- *when outside slather on the sunscreen, dress

appropriately for hot weather....lightweight clothing, a hat, keep your cell phone with you in case of difficulty

*on extremely hot days go outside to walk or garden early in the morning or later in the day

*keep your meds up to date and properly stored

*stay connected.....have a safety net with your neighbors, family or friends or your COA. Check in with them once or twice a day

*if you must be outside on very hot days take frequent "cooling breaks"

*protect your eyes and wear sunglasses

*just as winter can be dangerous for slips and falls so can summer....be aware of uneven patio stones and walkways, watch for slippery pool decks and outdoor rugs, keep outdoor areas and walkways well lit, wear shoes with rubber soles

*if you have additional tips please share them with us

Above all enjoy the warm months...summer is often too short in our area!

One last plea.....if you have one for those "Sand for Seniors" buckets and haven't returned it please give us a call (528-0182 x 16). We will be glad to pick them up. Egremonters are great recyclers and we so appreciate having the buckets returned so we don't need to purchase additional ones for next winter.

How can COA help YOU?

*provide you with a list of volunteer shoppers and volunteers to pick up your trash and take it to the Transfer Station

*provide you a list of Home Assistance Aides and Home Health Care workers

*info on rides and the Taxi Grant

*if you need medical equipment (walkers, wheelchairs, canes, commodes, etc) give us a call. The town has a supply for you to borrow and we will deliver to you. If you have medical equipment that you would like to donate we are glad to receive it; give us a call and we will pick up.

*Need something else? Give us a call....we are glad to assist you.

If you have senior neighbors (particularly seniors who live alone) be kind and give them a call to check on them. If you know someone whom you

feel might need assistance give us a call so we can help out.

Just want to chat....it's always so great to talk with our seniors. Call us at 528-0182 x 16. We love to hear from you.

Happy Summer, Everyone! Enjoy!

ECO-TIP

Send used athletic shoes (any brand) to Nike's Reuse-A-Shoe program and they'll get recycled. Mail to Rebound-GRIND, 199 Pearson Pkwy, Lebanon, IN 46052. www.nike.com/help/a/recycle-shoes.

Broadband Network Project:

Important Reminder! Now through the end of October, Fiber Connect is offering a **50% promotional discount on installation charges** to all Egremont residents regardless of location within the Town—even locations already cabled. The discount also applies to any residents in the unserved areas who sign up prior to construction passing their homes even if such construction takes place after six months from the effective date of the agreement. Currently, the published FC residential installation charge is \$999; the promotional charge will be \$499. For customers in existing service areas who sign up under the promotional terms, installation will be done in "batches" for efficiency, meaning that actual connection may be held up until there are enough customers in a specific area to make it feasible to send an installation crew at the reduced price. All questions about FC services and pricing should be directed to FC at sales@bfcma.com or 413-429-4109.

Update on Network Buildout. On April 26, 2021, Egremont Select Board members George McGurn, Mary Brazie, and Lucinda Vermuelen, and Fiber Connect CEO Adam Chait signed the FC-Town *Broadband Fiber Network Construction and Operation Services Agreement*, which spells out the terms of FC's work to extend Internet service to the remaining unserved areas of Egremont. This followed the signing of the Grant Award Agreement between FC and the Massachusetts Broadband Institute on April 14, which was a prerequisite to signing the FC-Town agreement. The signing event was held outside Town Hall in compliance with Town Covid protocols and was also

attended by Egremont Technology Committee Co-Chairs Jeff Lazarus and Rolfe Tessem.



Egremont signs Broadband agreement - photo courtesy Mary McGurn.

Since that time, FC has completed applications for utility pole licenses from National Grid and Verizon and has received Make-Ready estimates back from the companies. A few specific pole assessments are still under negotiation, but FC has approved most of the estimates and paid the Make-Ready charges. FC's payment to the utility companies triggers the actual Make-Ready work, which is scheduled by and under the control of the utility companies. As batches of Make-Ready are completed, FC will install the fiber optic cable and begin to light up customers in the new service areas. Meanwhile, FC has set its own utility poles along Hickory Hill Road and will be proceeding with network buildout there in the coming weeks. Regarding the Brookvale/Hilltop Road area, the permitting process for required easements over state-owned land is continuing.

Low- and Fixed-Income Subsidies.

Discussions are underway with relevant agencies to research and establish eligibility criteria and an application process for residents who may need financial assistance to obtain Internet access. Both Fiber Connect and the Town are eager to define the parameters and put a workable process in place.

ECO-TIP

When ordering take-out, ask that no plastic straws or cutlery be included.

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Planning Committee:

Last December, under the direction of the Egremont Select Board, the Town formed the Municipal Vulnerability Prepared (MVP) Planning Committee. The MVP Committee and MVP Core Team is made up of representatives from a myriad of town committees and boards (Board of Health, Emergency Management, Planning Board, Council on Aging, Housing Committee, Green Committee, Select Board, Water Department) as well as community stakeholders. The goal is to apply for a state MVP Planning Grant which will provide technical and financial support to identify our future hazards and vulnerabilities related to climate change.

The MVP Committee submitted a proposal in the amount of \$112,000 to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) for the fiscal year 2022 program in early June. The proposal included assistance to create a combined Hazard Mitigation Plan and Climate Action Plan, a Climate Resilience Outreach and Communication Tool Kit which will be distributed to our residents and an Economic Resilience Assessment which will address business climate adaptation.

The Committee identified areas such as resiliency to droughts, flash floods, power outages, severe weather events, tick and mosquito borne illnesses, drinking water quality and quantity, housing shortages caused by climate migration, culvert replacement, dam failure and other climate vulnerable areas to assess public safety and town resilience to hazards brought about by climate change.

If the Town is fortunate enough to receive grant funding the committee will start working with the MVP certified planning team at Weston and Sampson in August. Over the next year, the Town will hold community meetings, public listening sessions and facilitate groups that will focus on local strengths and vulnerabilities to climate change as well as documenting resident's experiences. Citizen input is critical to the project! You will hear about these events through flyers, the Town's social media pages, and the Town website. The first event will be in November 2021.

We look forward to updating you throughout the year on this exciting and important project to prepare our community to be resilient in the face of climate change.

Water Department:

The annual Consumer Confidence Report has been certified and published. You may obtain a copy at Town Hall, or check the Town's website (<http://www.egremont-ma.gov/2020 CCR.pdf>) for the report.

Please let the Department know if you are going to be filling your pool! The recorder at the water plant shows an increase but we cannot tell if it is a leak or pool use or irrigation. A quick call will help us with our reporting to DEP. Thank you!

Did you know that a dripping faucet can waste 20 gallons of water a day! A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons a day. These leaks waste your water and your money.

Toilet Leaks are hard to detect. They are usually caused by a bad main valve, flapper valve seat, a bad flush valve, an improperly positioned float arm, or a defective overflow tube. Test your toilets by dropping a few drops of food coloring into the tank. DO NOT FLUSH! Wait for 15 to 20 minutes. If color appears in the bowl, then you have a leak and repairs need to be made.

Faucet Leaks are easy to find. If it drips, or worse, continues running after you shut it off, it needs to be fixed. If the dripping water is warm, it is costing you extra money! Water dripping or running from the shower head when the shower is turned firmly off, it is usually caused by bad washers or seats which need replacing. Also, check for leaks from the tub faucet when the shower is turned on. This leak will defeat the purpose of a low-flow shower head because the water you save with the low-flow device is lost from the tub faucet.

If you have any questions about water supply or billing, the Water Department Clerk is available at Town Hall Monday - Friday from 7 to 3; telephone 528-0182 ext 17.

ECO-TIP

It can take more than 6 times as much water to make a plastic water bottle than what's actually inside the bottle!

Emergency Management:

We would like to thank everyone for being very cautious during the pandemic and adhering to the guidelines developed by CDC. If you have not been

vaccinated please consider doing it now. Vaccination will not only help protect yourself but also those with whom you come in contact. You can obtain vaccination information on the Town's website.

Natural and man-made disasters can strike at any time. Massachusetts is susceptible to many natural hazards including floods, hurricanes and tropical storms, tornadoes, thunderstorms, lightning, severe weather, and others. In addition, man-made disasters can also occur including hazardous materials incidents, power outages, transportation accidents, water supply problems, terrorism and others. Being aware of the different types of incidents that can occur is a critical part of our community being prepared for emergencies.

During emergencies information may be available from a number of sources. It is important to sign up for and be prepared to get information in several ways since not all methods are used for all emergencies, and power outages. Other effects of the disaster may cause disruptions in how you get information. Some of the primary ways to get information during an emergency include:

1. Local notification systems such as our Blackboard Connect Alert System uses listed telephone numbers only, so the Town requires registration of cell phones or email addresses. To register or change your contact information, please email or call and we will be happy to assist.

2. Local notifications from public safety may include vehicles using public address speakers or door to door notifications. Other methods may include: Commercial media (TV and radio); MEMA's Massachusetts Alerts smartphone app; MEMA's Twitter or Facebook accounts; MEMA's website: www.mass.gov/mema or our local community government website www.egremont-ma.gov; The Emergency Alert System (EAS) via radio and television; Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA); All Hazards National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio.

3. Call 2-1-1 for Non-Emergency Assistance. 2-1-1 is the Commonwealth's primary telephone call center during times of emergency and is able to provide information on emergency resources such as shelter locations.

Egremont's Emergency Management Team prepares and plans throughout the year for all-hazard response. Communication equipment is constantly reviewed and updated. During times of severe weather outbreaks, Amateur Radio volunteers monitor the weather across

Berkshire County and are in direct communication with National Weather Service offices in Albany NY and Taunton MA.

If you would like more information on how to prepare, please visit the Town's website preparedness page www.egremont-ma.gov/emergency.html or call Town Hall at 413-528-0182 ext 17.

ECO-TIP

To dispose of old bottles of nail polish, wait for the next Household Hazardous Waste collection.

Fire Department:

Date	Time	call #	Type
3/25/2021	10:00 AM	36	Medical
Main St.			
4/7/2021	7:46 PM	37	Medical
Brookvale Rd.			
4/7/2021	10:09	38	Medical
East St. Mt. Washington			
4/8/2021	12:17 PM	39	Medical
West St. Mt. Washington			
4/8/2021	12:37 PM	40	Medical
Millard Rd.			
4/12/2021	12:51 PM	41	Medical
Millard Rd.			
4/12/2021	3:23 PM	42	Medical
East St. Mt. Washington			
4/12/2021	7:25 PM	43	Brush Fire
Creamery Rd.			
4/13/2021	2:18 PM	44	Medical
Mallard Rd			
4/14/2021	5:10 PM	45	Medical
Undermountain			
4/15/2021	6:22 AM	46	Medical
Greenwood Cir.			
4/15/2021	9:52 PM	47	Pole Fire
Baldwin Hill East			
4/17/2021	5:03 PM	48	Rescue
East St. Mt. Washington			
4/18/2021	4:35 PM	49	Medical
West View Rd.			
4/18/2021	8:48 PM	50	Alarm/False
Baldwin Hill S			
4/19/2021	7:07 PM	51	Alarm/False
Prospect Lake Rd.			
4/20/2021	10:22 AM	52	

AT Mt. Washington		Rescue
4/20/2021	1:21 PM	53
Mt. Washington Rd.		Medical
4/20/2021	7:22 PM	54
Hillsdale Rd.		Medical
4/21/2021	4:49 PM	55
Undermountain Rd.		Alarm/False
4/26/2021	7:28 AM	56
Hillsdale Rd.		Medical
4/30/2021	9:02 PM	57
Garrett Farms Rd. Mt. Washington		Medical
5/2/2021	4:02 PM	58
Rowe Rd.		Medical
5/2/2021	6:07 PM	59
Farm Lane		Medical
5/2/2021	7:56 PM	60
East St. Mt Washington		False Call
5/6/2021	3:05 PM	61
Phillips Rd.		Medical
5/7/2021	9:20 AM	62
East St. Mt. Washington		Medical
5/7/2021	17:33 PM	63
Baldwin Hill N/S		Medical
5/8/2021	9:18 AM	64
Main St.		False/Call
5/10/2021	4:43 AM	65
Egremont Plain Rd.		Medical
5/13/2021	1:58 PM	66
East St. Mt. Washington		Medical
5/15/2021	1:10 PM	67
Avenue		Wires Down
5/15/2021	4:44 PM	68
Hennick Ln. Hillsdale NY		Brush Fire
5/16/2021	2:05 PM	69
West St Mt Washington		Brush Fire
5/18/2021	9:39 AM	70
Mt. Washington Rd.		Medical
5/20/2021	11:54 AM	71
Nicholson Rd.		False/Alarm
5/20/2021	3:55 PM	72
Egremont Plain Rd.		Medical
5/21/2021	12:39 AM	73
6 Hawthorne Rd Stockbridge		Fire/Structure
5/21/2021	1:06 PM	74
Nicholson Rd		False/Alarm
5/21/2021	8:43 PM	75
Hillsdale Rd		Alarm/False

5/22/2021	2:05 PM	76
Undermountain Rd.		Medical
5/22/2021	2:58 PM	77
Bash Bish Falls		Medical
5/26/2021	4:31 PM	78
West St. Mt Washington		Brush Fire
5/28/2021	5:36 AM	79
Lakeside Dr.		Fire/Trailor
6/5/2021	2:56 pm	80
At East St. Mt. Washington		Rescue Hiker
6/14/2021	5:12 AM	81
Blunt Rd.		Alarm/False
6/14/2021	12:46 PM	82
Prospect Lake Rd		False/Alarm
6/14/2021	2:52 PM	83
Main St.		False/Alarm
6/15/2021	2:48 PM	84
Main St		False/Alarm
6/17/2021	4:26 PM	85
Hillsdale Rd.		Alarm/False

Board of Assessors:

We are happy to report that our office is back in full capacity after the 2020/21 Covid year. The transition from one computer program to the new program during this time has had many challenges that we have been working to iron out. Thank you for your patience as we continue to fine tune it.

As many of you are aware, the Town of Egremont has experienced a high volume of real estate sales during this period. In addition to our new computer program, the sales volume has kept us busy. We welcome our new full time and part time neighbors.

We realize for our new second homeowners; you may not be aware that Massachusetts has a separate Personal Property tax law that you will be billed for quarterly.

The applications for Statutory Exemptions (Senior, Surviving Spouse, Veteran, Blind) have been sent out. If you have any questions about the forms, please contact our office. These forms must be completed and returned by September 1, 2021.

The Assessors' Office: 413-528-0182 ext.14; email: assessors@egremont-ma.gov
Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 - 12:00.

Conservation Commission:

Biggest news for the Commission has been the addition of a part-time clerk, Shannon Poulin, who joined us earlier this year. She comes to us with a broad environmental background. Holding a B.S. in Biology from Westfield State, she's recently been involved in a number of conservation related projects, such as cyanobacteria monitoring at six area lakes and a number of Housatonic Valley Association projects, including stream-crossing assessments for Ghent, N.Y., Alford and the Konkapot River.

With the Commission she has been responsible for making major steps forward in digitizing our extensive paper files and creating our cloud storage. Previous to her coming onboard, we had found the increasing number of new projects and the requests for paperwork on old projects—some more than 20 years old—to be close to overwhelming.



Shannon Poulin, Conservation Commission Clerk

One thing we've always strived to do is to work with applicants on their projects, and we were able to do so with Fiber Connect regarding its proposed new location of a telecommunications pad to replace its headend on a utility pole (literally) atop Baldwin Hill. Originally the proposed site was up on the southeast corner of French Park. After further review of the site, we discovered it was very close to a stream and subject to numerous WPA restrictions. With everyone working together—Commission, Town and Building Inspector—the site was relocated slightly north, out of any wetland considerations.

While we've mentioned this previously, it's always good to remember that basic inquiries are best handled by filling out a Project Review form, found at <https://www.egremont-ma.gov/concommformprelim.pdf>. This enables us to quickly respond with either a no, not applicable; or yes, we need to review your project.

Regarding older projects, if you've had a project involving either a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA), or a Notice of Intent (NOI) and have not received a Certificate of Compliance (WPA Form 8A), please review your records. Some NOIs require renewal every three years. And, regardless, the Order of Conditions for both will carry over to any new owner of the property. Usually, one of the lawyers involved in any property transaction will contact us, but locating files from 25 years ago is difficult.

Speaking of real estate transactions, we've found that often Realtors are unaware of possible wetlands issues. Always wise to check with the Commission if you're considering purchasing a property.

Best way to contact us is via email at concom@egremont-ma.gov. Email is reviewed at least once daily, and we prefer email to phone as all communications regarding ConCom business must be logged. Our meeting are normally held the second and fourth Thursday of every month. Currently they are Hybrid, whereby the Commission meets in person at Town Hall and interested parties participate by Zoom.

We're always looking for conservation-minded residents to join us as Associate (nonvoting) Members. Learn the ropes and become a Commissioner as we evolve over time.

Friends of Prospect Lake:

On July 10, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. FOPL will hold its annual General Meeting in the pavilion at French Park. The meeting is open to the public, and all are welcome. Come listen to ideas, status, plans, hopes ... and contribute yours.

Towards the end of August FOPL will hold its customary giant Tag Sale, a major fund raiser for the group's work on Prospect Lake. Stay tuned – date(s) and location to be determined.

ECO-TIP

Cigarette filters are dangerous litter and a major contributor to the plastic pollution crisis. Help by picking them up from roadsides. (Wear gloves.)

Meeting Schedule:

Subject to change. Please see postings of meetings on the Town's web page at www.egremont-ma.gov at

Town Hall and the Post Offices for more detail. This is not official.

(Many meetings are taking place via Zoom. Please check the town's web page, www.egremont-ma.gov, for meeting postings.)

Historical Commission - first Wednesday at 4pm

Assessors - Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am to 12noon & Council on Aging - Meetings as posted.

Administrative Assistant is at Town Hall Thursday 9am to 12noon.

Board of Health - Monday-Thursday 7am to 12noon.

Meetings - Thursdays as posted 10am

Selectboard - Generally meetings every other Tuesday 10am. Office weekdays 7am to 3pm.

Building Inspector - Tuesday 12:30pm to 3:30pm.

Other times and inspections by appointment

Cemetery Commission - first Friday of every month at 8am.

Conservation Commission - Second and Fourth Thursdays 5:30pm

Finance Committee - January through April. Other times as needed.

Library - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 2-6pm & Saturday 9-12noon 413-528-1474

Planning Board - Please check web page for meeting dates.

School Committee: Second & Fourth Thursdays 6pm Mt. Everett High School Library

Tax Collector: Monday - Friday 7:00am to 3:00pm

Town Clerk - Mon-Thurs 1pm to 3pm or by appointment

Transfer Station - Tuesday & Thursday 8am to 1pm, Saturday 8am to 3pm, Sunday 12noon to 4pm

Water Department - Office Clerk weekdays 7am-3pm Meetings second Thursday 3:00pm at Town Hall

Zoning Board of Appeals - as needed

To reach a board member or to leave a message please call the Town Hall 528-0182.

Business listings:

In an effort to promote local small businesses, the following businesses/services located in, or near, Egremont have agreed to be listed here. If we missed asking you and you wish to be included, please send your information to the Town Hall.

Support local businesses:

*Prospect Lake Park and Campground -
camping, swimming*

413-528-4158 prospectlk@aol.com

www.prospectlakepark.com

*Egremont residents receive a discount to access
the beach.*

*The Inn at Sweet Water Farm - B&B
1 Prospect Lake Road*

413-528-2882

www.innsweetwater.com

*John Andrews' Restaurant - Restaurant
413-528-3469*

Robin's Chair Caning - Chair caning and repairs.

Robin Walther

116 Egremont Plain Road

413-528-2537

robinschaircaning@gmail.com

*Red Barn Antiques - Antique lighting & fine metal
polishing*

413-528-3230

*41 Main Antiques Gallery - Vintage and modern
furniture, antiques, collectibles, architectural and
decorative objects.*

413-528-0112

www.41mainantiques.com

Blue Rider Stables - Therapeutic Horseback Riding

Lessons, summer programs

www.bluerider.org

413-528-5299

Green River Arabians & Pintos -

*Horse Boarding, lessons, judging, farm
programs*

413-528-2367 arabpinto13@yahoo.com

*Indian Line Farm - Community Supported
Agriculture (CSA) & Farmers Markets*

413-528-8301

www.indianlinefarm.com

Ivory Pond Farm -

Llamas, Yarn and Woolens. Dancing Crane

*Rug Hooking Studio. Hooked rugs, lessons and
supplies.*

Tom & Liz Marino

413-528-9465

www.lizmarinorughooking.com

Llamama@wildblue.net

*Turner Farms Maple Syrup - Phillips Road,
open 7am to 7pm 7 days a week.*

Syrup and Honey

413-528-5710

*Skip DelVaglio - Old Drone Apiary at Frog Cottage
(Local Honey)*

1257 Sheffield - Egremont Road

413 528-2308

Frog Cottage Goodies: Phyllis & Cynthia

Pies, cakes, cookies, fudge, fruitcakes, cheesecakes

1257 Sheffield/Egremont Road

Great Barrington MA 01230

413-528-2308

Elfi Six Shiatsu/Acutonics®, Bodywork

413-717-0507

www.CosmicResonance.com

Zorn Family Chiropractic-Chiropractor

44 Main Street, South Egremont

413-528-9654

healingspiritdc@yahoo.com

Zorn Core Fitness -

Personal, Couples & Group Training

Cardio Room - \$25 @ month Free 1 month cardio for

Egremont residents zornari@gmail.com

46 Main Street, South Egremont

413-528-1594 www.zorncorefitness.com

Yoga at Zorn Core Fitness, with Karin Beebe

Ashtanga Yoga & Gentle/Hatha Yoga

46 Main Street, South Egremont

413-528-0828

kbyoga@gmail.com

Amelia's Holistic Facial Rejuvenation

Combined with Reiki Level II and Cranial

Sacral Release

A licensed Aesthetician.

*"Look and feel as though you just enjoyed a two-week vacation...without the jet lag. 518.320.8314
AmeliasHolisticFacials@gmail.com*

*Old Egremont Country Store - groceries, beer, wine, liquor, newspapers, lottery, & much more
413-528-4796*

*Blueberry Lane Home Design - Interior decorating
413-528-9633*

*Berkshire Veneer Company - wholesale/retail wood veneer sales
413-644-9696*

*Steve Agar - driving services
Ride to the airport, train, etc
413-854-7269*

*Lord St. Pierre - General Contractor
Home renovations, maintenance and monitoring
413-522-3671
llstpierre@yahoo.com*

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IMPORTED OLIVE BARRELS GET NEW LIFE AS RAIN BARRELS



From left to right: Corinna Barnard, Marj Wexler, Gary Waskow, Barbara Kalish, Emily Eyre, Sharon Waskow.

On May 8, the Egremont Green Committee/Rain Barrel Subcommittee distributed 67 rain barrels to the local residents who purchased them.

A big shoutout to Egremonters and The Great American Rain Barrel Company (TGARB). Together we made the Rain Barrel Project a HUGE success and achieved a triple recycling benefit.

These 60-gallon olive importing barrels will support our environmental objectives by:

- Staying out of landfills
- Recycling approximately 4,000 gallons of rainwater with each filling
- Protecting our rivers and streams by reducing roof run-off



Pick-up was efficiently navigated by a clipboard-toting Emily Eyre with the support of a robust loading crew.



Marj Wexler deftly tosses one of the 20 lb. barrels into a waiting car.



Fully loaded and ready to head home.



Two hours after we began, we were done and sent this happy customer off to begin collecting rainwater.

Don't worry, if you want a barrel and didn't buy one this year, the project will resurface again in 2022.

We are participants in a state-wide program offering discounted barrels to store roof runoff and recycle our rainwater. The program is available to all cities, towns and villages in Massachusetts. Spread the word to other Egremonters and our neighbors in South County to help make next year another banner year.

THANK YOU FROM
THE **GREEN** COMMITTEE/RAIN BARREL COMMITTEE

HISTORICAL COMMISSION NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

YESTERDAY

EGREMONT/GREAT BARRINGTON RAIL TRAIL

"I know it's somewhere on Creamery and Route 23 but not quite sure where to find that trail head." The entrances are mostly framed by undergrowth and marked with relatively forbidding orange signs saying "___". But, as you spread the curtains of greenery you encounter what appears to be a path leading you on a mystical journey. For a few minutes you travel along a road lost in time. Today the roadway easement between Creamery Road and Rte 7 is mostly owned by the Wyantenuck Country Club. Those small groups of walkers, hikers, cross-country skiers and snow shoers, who are able to find the old train bed continue to enjoy this hidden treasure.

This is part of what remains of a dream for three men, Ralph Gillett, B. D. Rising and John P. Pomeroy. It was called the in **The Berkshire Street Railway**, started in 1901 with the intention to connect towns on the Vermont border with Pittsfield, Great Barrington, South Egremont, Sheffield and Canaan Connecticut. Construction was briefly halted until DC power could be supplied from Pittsfield. The street car first rolled through Great Barrington in August 1902 and arrived in South Egremont in 1910. Shortly after its completion, a spur was added to the Knowlton quarry and the Dalzell Axle Works.



Notwithstanding the many accidents and the dramatic 1910 payroll robbery, trollies proved to be immensely popular. Fares were originally fixed at 5 cents and later increased to 6 cents with an additional 2 cent charge for transfers, finally culminating at 25-30 cents in the last years of service. For almost 50 years, from 1886 to 1932, electric powered trollies crisscrossed Berkshire County. With the advent of gas-powered busses and cars they could no longer sustain profitability. In July 1923 the last cars rolled through South Egremont and the tracks were abandoned.

Ironically, we are now moving forward by looking back - electric cars were first introduced in the USA in the 1890's.

TODAY

This year we will celebrate Egremont's 246th Birthday. The celebration will continue with a virtual Tribute to Our Town. Egremonters, you will be receiving instructions shortly on how to add your birthday wishes to the archive by telling us what you love about Egremont. If you didn't get your T-shirt last year - Good News, they are still available. Instructions are on the Town Website. Much thought and time is going into curating our archives and we hope you will join us for cake and coffee to celebrate our re-opening. Stand by for invitations.

The first phase of the Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System (**MACRIS**) documentation is complete and you are welcome to browse through the documents. Please email us for an appointment. The second phase is beginning and will add another 20 properties to our collection.

Mass DOT with Jacobs Engineering has completed 75% documents for the alterations to Rte 23 from Creamery Road to Rte 41. The EHC goal is to support and enhance our main street, encourage pedestrian activity, showcase our commercial establishments and maintain the look and feel of an historic village. Historically appropriate luminaires to light the crosswalks have been added to the scope which includes colored and textured sidewalks and crosswalks and clearly marked bicycle lanes.

TOMORROW



ON THE DRAWING BOARDS

- Creation of an time capsule documenting Egremonters experiences in the time of COVID;
- Collaboration with neighboring Historical Commissions to enrich our programs and build bridges with other communities;
- Cemetery tours introducing us to our forebearers and their impact on Egremont;
- The EHC is actively inviting Egremonters with an interest in the history of our town to join us for a meeting and stay to become a member.



EHC doors are always open. If you have an interest in the preservation of our history, please drop us an email or join us for one of our monthly meetings, usually scheduled on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

Our website can be accessed at <https://www.egremonthistoricalcommission.org/about> or via our email address

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